Nuclear Power Plants in Maharashtra

405. SHRITARIQ ANWAR:
SHRIVIJAYJ. DARDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared a proposal to set up three more nuclear power plants in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the capacity and location of the new power plants; and

(c) the estimated cost thereof, its feed stock, and how its cost would be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (c) There are three nuclear power reactors with a capacity of 860 MWe in operation and one reactor of 540 MWe under construction (94% complete) atTarapur in Maharashtra. The Government has accorded 'in principle' clearance for a new site in Maharashtra at Jaitapur in Ratnagiri district. A detailed Project Report containing *inter alia* the capacity, estimated cost etc has not been formulated.

Completion of Nuclear Power Projects

406. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been cost and time over runs in the completion of nuclear power projects;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the country does not have sufficient quantity of quality fuel to run the Nuclear Plants; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to address the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) With the completion of Unit-4 of Tarapur Atomic Power Station by Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking of the Department of Atomic Energy seven months ahead of the projected schedule, and the work on 8 other